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Office Action Summary

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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 24 July 2000.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-37 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application) since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121 since a specific reference was included in the first sentence of the specification or in an Application Data Sheet. 37 CFR 1.78.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

Claim Objections

1. Claim 32 is objected to because of the following informalities: An apparatus should be a system. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

2. Claims 1-37 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Huang et al. (Huang) (US 6,571,245 B2).

Regarding claim 1, Huang teaches a method for sharing user-configured browser information between at least two network browsers configured to communicate the user-configured browser information via a network (e.g., fig. 8), comprising generating the user-configured browser information during execution of a first network browser on a first computer in response to user-input commands (e.g., col. 5 lines 25-34); and transmitting the user-configured browser information via the network to a second computer containing a second network browser, wherein the user-configured browser information is adapted to reconfigure the second network browser (e.g., fig. 9 col. 12 line 39-col. 13 line 14).

Regarding claim 17, a signal-bearing medium containing a browser program which, when executed by processor of claim 17 performs correspondence method of claim 1; therefore, the claim 17 is rejected under the same rationale as applied to claim 1.

Regarding claims 2 and 18, Huang teaches generating input device information representing user input to an input device connected to the first computer (e.g., col. 5 lines 29-31).

Regarding claims 3 and 19, Huang teaches generating the user-configured browser information during at least one browsing session (e.g., col. 6 lines 52-57 and col. 8 lines 28-35).

Regarding claims 4 and 20, Huang teaches generating at least one of bookmark information and favorites information (e.g., col. 6 lines 58-60).

Regarding claims 5 and 21, Huang teaches generating network addresses for electronic documents accessed during at least one browsing information (e.g., col. 6 lines 52-57 and col. 8 lines 28-35).

Regarding claims 6 and 22, Huang teaches generating user preferences information (e.g., col. 6 lines 58-60).

Regarding claims 7 and 23, Huang teaches sending an electronic mail message containing the user-configured browser information (e.g., col. 10 lines 29-35).

Regarding claims 8 and 24, Huang teaches sending an electronic mail message containing the user-configured browser information (e.g., col. 10 lines 29-35) and wherein the user-configured browser information comprises at least one of bookmark

information, favorites information, user-preferences information and network addresses (e.g., col. 13 lines 12-14).

Regarding claims 9 and 25, Huang teaches transmitting occurs automatically in response to a predetermined event (col. 12 lines 1-9).

Regarding claim 10, Huang teaches transmitting occurs in response to a user command (col. 12 lines 1-9).

Regarding claims 11 and 27, Huang teaches reconfiguring the second network browser according to the user-configured browser information (col. 16 lines 25-28).

Regarding claim 12, Huang teaches buffering the user-configured browser information prior to the step of transmitting (fig. 9).

Regarding claim 13, Huang teaches a method for reconfiguring a first browser located on a first computer (fig. 9), comprising parsing user-configured browser information received from a second computer connected to the first computer via a network (col. 5 lines 25-34 and col. 12 line 39-col. 13 line 14), wherein the user-configured browser information comprises information generated during execution of a second browser located on the second computer (col. 8 lines 28-33); and reconfiguring the first browser according to the user-configured browser information (col. 11 line 39-col. 12 line 9).

Regarding claim 28, a signal-bearing medium containing a browser program which, when executed by a processor of claim 28 performs a correspondence method of claim 13; therefore, claim 28 is rejected under the same rationale as applied to claim 13.

Regarding claims 14 and 29, Huang teaches changing the contents of data structures of the first browser (col. 6 lines 52-57).

Regarding claims 15 and 30, Huang teaches receiving an email message containing the user-configured browser information (e.g., col. 10 lines 29-35).

Regarding claims 16 and 31, Huang teaches changing at least one of bookmark information, favorites information, user-preferences information and accessed network addresses information (e.g., col. 13 lines 12-14).

Regarding claim 32, Huang teaches an apparatus, comprising a first computer comprising processor and a first memory containing a first browser program, wherein the first browser generates first browser information in response to user-input commands and wherein the first computer is configured to send first browser information to second computer (col. 5 lines 25-53 and col. 11 line 47-col. 12 line 9); a second computer comprising a second processor and second memory containing a second browser program, wherein the second browser program is reconfigured according to the received first browser information (col. col. 13 lines 3-14); and a network connecting the first and second computer and configured to support transmission of the first browser information to the second computer (fig. 8 col. 11 lines 39-46).

Regarding claim 33, Huang teaches the first memory contains an electronic mail program configured to send the first browser information to the second computer (e.g., see fig. 7, col. 10 lines 29-35).

Regarding claim 34, Huang teaches the second memory contains an electronic mail program (E-MAIL, fig. 3).

Regarding claim 35, Huang teaches the first browser information comprises at least one of bookmark information, favorites information, user-preferences information and accessed network addresses information (e.g., col. 13 lines 12-14).

Regarding claim 36, Huang teaches the second computer is configured to generate second browser information in response to user commands input to the second computer and wherein the second browser information is sent to the first browser program via the network and is utilized to reconfigure the first browser program (col. 5 lines 25-34 and col. 11 lines 39-61)


Regarding claim 37, Huang teaches browser information comprises at least one of bookmark information, favorites information, user-preferences information and accessed network addresses information (col. 13 lines 3-14).

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Oanh L. Duong whose telephone number is (703) 305-0295. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday- Friday, 8:00AM - 5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Hosain T. Alam can be reached on (703) 308-6662. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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